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Education and Local Government Interim Committee
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Re: HJR 39 Subdivision for Rent or Lease

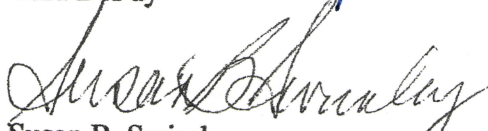
Dear Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the HJR 39 - Subdivision for Rent or Lease. The Montana Association of Counties represents all 56 counties who are impacted by the subdivision for rent or lease issue. This issue is complex due to the differing development pressures among the counties and while we diligently worked hard during the 2011 Legislative Session to find a solution to this issue, we were unable to do so.

We are currently participating in the local government working group which includes not only ourselves, but representatives from various counties, cities and CTAP. We support the process of the local government working group identifying possible solutions to the subdivision for rent or lease issue and then taking those options to a larger working group of varied interests in Montana. We believe that this process will identify for this committee solutions which will work for each and every county in Montana.

Very truly yours,


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